

those people should have committed the act. I must be
 be that he was insane, or he never would have
 attempted to take the life of Fisk.

IN VINDICATION OF MYSELF

again assert that I had no connection with the
 wondrous act.

"Will you visit him in prison?"

"Immediately—I will. He may have received
 some provocation that goaded him to madness, and
 will go to Superintendent Kelso and get an order
 to have man sent to him where he is confined."

Here Miss Mansfield became exultant and de-
 clared she could talk no further, and retired to her
 room. She showed no outward sign of sorrow and
 predicament Stokes is placed in, thought it to
 be a very keenly felt the tragic termination
 of the old feud.

EXCITEMENT THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

Never since the memorable night that Abe Lin-
 coln was shot was there such excitement through-
 out the city. In the street cars, in the hotels, ev-
 erywhere throughout the entire city nothing was
 talked of but the attempted assassination. People
 who never heard of Jim Fisk before frenziedly
 discussed his character and found something to
 praise, on the principle

"SINCE DE MORTUIS NISI BONUM."

in the same way the would-be assassin's char-
 acter was fully discussed, and Stokes was soon dis-
 covered to be a worse character, even at an early age, a
 most sanguinary, terrible, and avaricious man.
 The memorable night was thus given another round,
 the hotels. The shooting occurred so late in the
 afternoon that most of the business men had
 reached their homes before having a chance of
 hearing of it. The first thing they heard, of course,
 on entering their accustomed places of resort was
 that Mr. Fisk

HAD BEEN SHOT.

Every one, of course, rushed at once for the hotel to
 verify the report. Very few people at first would
 trust the rumor and treated it as a newspaper
 scandal. Even some were found so incredulous as
 to refuse to go a short distance to the Grand Cen-
 tral Hotel, where it was inevitable "extra" of
 the evening morning appeared, that the general
 run of the people got to believe in the report.

As soon, however, as it began to be believed that
 Mr. Fisk was really shot there was

A GENERAL HURRIE

for the hotels, and when the incredulous had made
 themselves positively certain they hurried away to
 tell their friends, who would be satisfied with
 such a report, but came down themselves in person
 to test its truth and swell the crowds in the
 corridors of the hotels.

AT THE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL.

The scene at the Fifth Avenue Hotel was simply
 indescribable. As soon as ever the news of the
 shooting reached the clubs & common centres, gen-
 tlemen who had accidentally heard of it after leaving their
 own houses

HURRIED THITHER TO HEAR THE LATEST PARTI-
 CULARS.

The brokers, above all, were first on the scene,
 and the hall of the Fifth Avenue Hotel was for the
 moment converted into a lively stock market on a
 small scale. In fact, everybody of any note at the
 uptown side of Twenty-third street put in an ap-
 pearance at the hotel during the evening.

At seven o'clock the crowds began to flock into the
 hallway, and by half-past seven there was a scarcely
 standing room in the lower floor of the hotel. The
 crowd was multifarious in origin. On the outside, by
 the way, the hotel was a scene of confusion. It was
 surrounded by groups of friends, all eagerly

DISCUSSING THE DEADLY OCCURRENCE.

On the outside of the hotel a great knot of
 small "tailors" who divided their attention be-
 tween the tragedy and the republican quarrel in the
 Legislature. Inside were the Wall street people,
 there were a few "old money" men, and a few
 manifested in the crowd which filled the vast hallway.
 There was

A KIND OF A SYMPATHY

for the man who had been shot down in the prime
 of his life, in cold blood, and yet there seemed to
 be—particularly among the stock and bond
 holders—a feeling that Fisk's death would prove a
 good providence.

To an outsider this feeling would seem strange,
 and he might be tempted to wonder why there were
 of different expressions of sympathy to be heard on
 every side, and yet from the accompanying remarks
 and the way in which they were uttered one
 saw that they

LACKED SOMETHING OF SYMPATHY.

For instance, one man said to another: "Poor
 fellow!—The fact is, 'Ere's a bad 'un, but he gave
 him a chance." And yet, in the same breath, one
 heard—"Ere is sure to go up now, anyhow." This
 was the feeling of the "old money" men. They
 said—"Ere is a good road, and by Jove, it ought to pay."
 Our reporter joined several groups of bankers who
 had gathered for the purpose of speculating on the
 value of somehow everybody seemed to have a difficulty
 in starting business. The story of the shooting was
 told over and over again with additions and cor-
 rections of their own.

PICKED-AN-EYE WITNESSES.

Some said that Fisk was shot through the head,
 and falling to the ground he was killed. Others said
 "living." Others said that "the ball passed clean
 through his head," and that the wound would heal
 up in time, as the poor Fisk was reported to
 have been known to utter words which it was possible
 for him to have received without getting

AT nine o'clock a telegram was received at the
 hotel which ran as follows:—

"Stokes and the pistol behind his back, and was
 arrested by the police. He was taken up in the
 Fifteenth precinct station house."

When this telegram arrived there was an imme-
 diate change in the feeling of the crowd. The stock
 and gentleman, who had a decided interest in "Ere,"
 laid aside the pick-an-eye, but there was a general cry of

"Take it to some other fellow." "Take it, Dick!"
 and before the old gentleman had deciphered the
 contents a well known broker had the bulletin in
 his hand. The crowd was so excited that the first
 paragraph which announced that Stokes was locked up
 in the Fifteenth precinct station house was read in
 the hall.

Early in the evening there was a general rush in
 the market, which showed that the closing price
 of Ere in Wall street yesterday afternoon was
 and for a long time afterward it was physically im-
 possible to get near the indicator.

Notwithstanding the fact that the coroner had
 taken Fisk's state-ment statement, and the
 excitement became most intense. About ten
 o'clock a rumor was spread through the hotel that
 Stokes was dead, and it would be impossible to
 exaggerate the effect which it produced on the crowd.
 An immense reaction at once set in favor of the
 "deceased" were freely caressed. Among all but
 the Wall street people there was evident sympathy
 on every side.

HE WAS A GOOD FELLOW ANY HOW.

There had no hold on his money." The effect of
 the report on the brokers was different.

Some of the "old money" men and railroad men
 who had been in the crowd, and who had received
 his quietus" and in one group of prominently
 stood men one well-known gentleman arrived at
 the safe in the great Western Union building.

DAKING EVERYBODY ALWAYS.

and quoted in support of his argument that triest
 of all Scriptural texts, "Impressus so forcibly on the
 mind of the great multitude that it was a matter
 of the way of the transgressor is hell," and, as the gen-
 tleman added, "so forth."

Notwithstanding the religious and highly edify-
 ing sympathy the groups did not remain very long
 in one place, and there was evidently an underly-
 ing desire to get the news more to affect the
 market. Whatever business was done was done
 strictly between individuals. There was nothing
 over approaching to an impromptu market to any
 extent.

Our reporter was told that a good deal of business
 was done in this informal way, and a rumor pre-
 vailed that the great Western Union building, where
 the stock was selling at 41—that is, at an increase of 1,
 since the afternoon quotation in Wall street. It is
 safe to state, however, that very little business was
 done in the "informal" way. The general impression
 seemed to be that Ere's stock would go up like a
 balloon should.

NOTHING SERIOUS OCCUR.

In plain language, it was evident that, though there
 was a great deal of sympathy expressed for Fisk,
 and though a decided reaction had set in, the
 fact, there being a great motive to sympathy on his
 death, and a general feeling that thereby an im-
 bus was would be raised from one of the stock fail-
 ure, the general impression was that the general impres-
 sion of news from the Grand Central Hotel was
 eagerly looked forward to, and it was nearly mid-
 night before the hours of the evening.

THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL.

Intelligence of the tragedy reached the Metropol-
 itan Hotel a very short time after it occurred. The
 guests were in the hall, and the news was spread
 were chatting at the bar when the news arrived,
 and an immediate rush was made for the Grand
 Central Hotel. The crowd was so excited that the
 Metropolitan Hotel was a scene of confusion. It was
 and it was not until late in the evening that the
 crowd flocked back to discuss the circum-
 stances of the shooting. The crowd was so excited
 that the Metropolitan Hotel was a scene of confusion.
 hurried thither to make themselves certain that the
 report was true, and they hurried off to the Grand Cen-
 tral, as if by being nearer to the scene of the
 tragedy they could see it if they knew more about
 the facts.

TRENDING IN THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL WHEN THE NEWS OF THE

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